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Applicants amend Claims 11-30 to recite statutory subject matter, namely, storage media and computer systems. Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggestion of language.

Applicants amend Claim 1 to recite a practical application, namely, providing copies of data for disaster recovery. This changes propagates through all the other claims. Applicants again thank the Examiner for the suggestion of language.

The remaining amendments are made solely to present the claimed invention in better form. No amendments were made in response to the prior art.

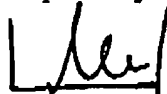
Claims 1-30 are rejected under §102 as anticipated by Mimatsu et al., U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0111485. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Mimatsu does not teach or suggest pairing storage devices as recited in Claims 1-30, let alone grouping pairs of storage devices, identifying groups of pairs, or cross-referencing groups, as also recited in Claims 1-30. Accordingly, Mimatsu does not anticipate the claimed invention.

CONCLUSION

Applicants amend the application and request reconsideration in view of the discussion set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,



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